GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVANTS —AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT — Allegations of corruption against Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao, S/o Late Ramana Rao, 48 years, formerly Office Superintendent, Establishment Section, O/o. Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District - Trapped on 24-03-2016-- Prosecution Sanction Orders — Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 31 **Dated: 12-03-2018.**

ORDER:

1. **WHEREAS**, Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao, S/o Late Ramana Rao, worked as Office Superintendent, Establishment Section, O/o. Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District from 05-02-2016 to 24-03-2016 and by virtue of the post held by him, he falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2(C) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. **AND WHEREAS**, Smt. Rapuri Divya Mani is working as Office Subordinate, O/o. Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District from 13-3-2014. As she was carrying, Extraordinary Leave from 11-3-2015 to 2-5-2015 and Maternity leave from 3-5-2015 to 28-10-2015 and after joining in the duty, she submitted pay fixation option forms as her pay fixation was not done. Then in-charge. the then Superintendent processed her file to some extent and Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao joined as regular Superintendent for Establishment Section in the month of January, 2016. Since then she is moving around him and requesting him to process the Pay Revision Commission file and she also intimated the same to the Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatnam. Unless the bill processed before 24-3-2016, the bill will not passed for this year. Hence, on 21-3-2016, she met Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao and requested him to process the P.R.C. bills and submit the same to the Treasury for payment. Then Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao demanded Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand only) to process the file, but she expressed her inability to pay such a huge amount. Again on 22-3-2016, when she met Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao and requested him to attend her work, he reiterated his earlier demand and further instructed Smt. Rapuri Divya Mani to pay the demanded bribe amount on or before 24-3-2016 and threatened that otherwise bills will be kept pending. Having no other go, Smt. Rapuri Divya Mani reluctantly agreed to pay the bribe amount.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, Smt. Rapuri Divya Mani was not willing to pay the bribe amount, she lodged a report with the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada Range on 22-03-2016. The Deputy Superintendent of Police after observing procedural formalities, registered the said report as a case in crime No. 08/RCT-ACB-VJA/2016 u/s. 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 24-03-2016 and made arrangements for laying trap.

4. **AND WHEREAS**, after completion of the pre-trap proceedings, on 24-03-2016 at 16.15 hrs, where Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao was successfully trapped, when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.10,000/- from Smt. Rapuri Divya Mani. When the chemical test conducted on the fingers of both the hands of Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao, they yielded positive result. In pursuance of the information furnished by Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao, the tainted amount of Rs.10,000/- was recovered from his right side upper table drawer. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found tallied with those of the serial numbers of the currency notes handed over by Smt. Rapuri Divya Mani during pre-trap proceedings. The chemical test conducted on his right side upper table drawer,

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where the tainted amount was recovered, with cotton swab also yielded positive result. When the Deputy Superintendent of Police, A.C.B., Vijayawada Range asked Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao to produce the files pertaining to Smt. Rapuri Divya Mani, he voluntarily produced two files from the surface of his office table. On perusal of the said files it is found that those files are pertaining to Smt. Rapuri Divya Mani. Hence, the official favour is pending with Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao by the time of trap. The Deputy Superintendent of Police, A.C.B., Vijayawada Range seized the tainted currency notes, resultant solutions, and relevant records. He prepared the rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5. **AND WHEREAS**, the above said acts of Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao, worked as Office Superintendent, Establishment Section, O/o. Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatriam, Krishna District constitute offences punishable under sections 7, 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. **AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao, worked as Office Superintendent, Establishment Section, O/o. Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e. FIR, Mediator Reports, statement of witnesses, made up files, explanation of Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao and final report of Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, etc.,) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and the circumstances of the case consider that Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao, worked as Office Superintendent, Establishment Section, O/o. Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District should be prosecuted in a Court of Law.

7. **NOW THEREFORE,** in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for the Prosecution of Sri Sunkara Venkata Ranga Rao, worked as Office Superintendent, Establishment Section, O/o. Joint Director of Agriculture, Machilipatnam, Krishna District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(1)(d) read with 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(**BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

B.RAJSEKHAR
SPECIAL CHEIF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Director General
Anti-Corruption Bureau
A.P., Vijayawada.